

## Perspectives and strategies to diversify awardees: Lessons from the Clinical Scientist Development Award

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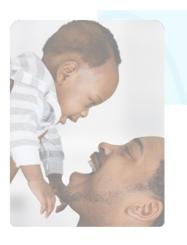




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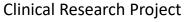
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## **Clinical Scientist Development Award**







Mentorship in supportive environment



**Research Effort Protection** 

- 1. Launches physician scientist careers
- 2. Observed disparities in success rate by gender inspired evaluation of outcomes by race and ethnicity

## Changes that improved diversity of applicant pool and awardees

- 1. Stating Foundation's diversity, equity, and inclusion values in RFA, application forms, and communications
- 2. Outreach to affinity groups and societies
- 3. Informational webinar and recording open to all
- 4. Adopt practices to raise applicant awareness about review criteria
  - Provide review criteria to applicants as shared with reviewers
  - Be transparent about review criteria, whether administrative or part of the review rubric, that might result in disqualification
- 5. Raise institutional awareness about the importance of mentorship and support in preparation of the application
  - Request information from mentor and department chair regarding resources provided to applicants in URiM groups
  - Request confirmation from mentor and department chair that the application was reviewed prior to submission
  - Request information from mentors regarding their track record of mentoring individuals from URiM groups
- 6. Use a competitive range in decisions of applications to review rather than a hard cutoff

## 2022 CSDA cohort





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- Consider interventions targeting processes within your direct control
- Collection and continuous evaluation of demographic data informs where and how interventions can be targeted

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